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TO GEORGE WASHINGTON. MAD. MSS.

New York, Feby. 15, 1788.

Dear Sir,

I have at length the pleasure to inclose you the favorable result of the Convention at Boston. The amendments are a blemish, but are in the least offensive form. The minority also is very disagreeably large, but the temper of it is some atonement. I am assured by Mr. King that the leaders of it as well as the members of it in general are in good humor; and will countenance no irregular opposition there or elsewhere.¹ The Convention of New Hampshire is now sitting. There seems to be no question that the issue there will add a *seventh* pillar, as the phrase now is, to the federal Temple.

¹ Following is King's letter, dated Boston, Feb. 6, 1788:

"I have the satisfaction to inform you that on the final Question of assenting to & ratifying the constitution our convention divided, and 187 were in the affirmative & 168 in the negative: the majority although small is extremely respectable, and the minority are in good temper; they have the magnanimity to declare that they will devote their lives & property to support the Government, and I have no doubt but the ratification will be very cordially and universally approved through our State—N. Hampshire will undoubtedly

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decide in favor of the Constitution—Their convention met today. God bless you.”— *Mad. MSS.*

With the greatest respect & attachment,

I am, Dr Sir Yrs.